

REMARKS

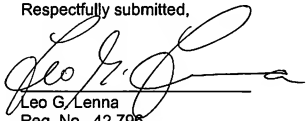
This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 19, 2011. Claims 1-21 and 23-34 are pending in the application. Claims 4, 9, 22, 26 and 30-34 have been cancelled. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for acknowledging that claims 9-15 are free of prior art and are only objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Accordingly, by way of this amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 9. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, in the claims as originally filed and figures of the present disclosure. Applicants submit that no new matter or issues are introduced by the amendments. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of any cancelled or withdrawn claim(s) in divisional and/or continuation applications. Further, Applicants do not acquiesce to any portion of the Office Action not particularly addressed.

In the Office Action, the Abstract was objected to. Applicants have submitted a new Abstract section to overcome the recited rejections.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-8, 16-21 and 23-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over WO 03030956 (Osteotech, Inc.). In view of the above amendments, Applicants submit that this rejection is now moot and that independent claim 1 and all claims depending therefrom are patentable over the cited prior art.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-8, 10-21, 23-25 and 27-29 presently pending in the application are believed to be in condition for allowance and patentably distinguish over the art of record. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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